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## THE STONE CRITICISMS

It occurs to us that the wholesale and intemperate criticism that has been directed against Senator Stone in his attitude on the armed shipping bill, in offering an amendment that it should not apply to ships carrying munitions of war, partakes more of an excited and over-zealous patriotic fervor than the spirit of American tolerance that accords to every individual the right to hold and express his opinions. There is some question of the propriety of the Government, in the critical situation that confronts the country, furnishing armed protection to ships carrying munitions to other nations engaged in war, however clear its right to do so may exist in the general interpretation of international law.

It was not this authority that the President asked of Congress, and we doubt that he meant anything more than the authority to extend government armed protection to ships engaged in general passenger and commercial traffic. But Senator Stone's amendment made the arming of ships carrying munitions of war the dominant issue in the armed shipping bill, and gave Senator La Follette and a few other obstructionists a shibboleth under which to conduct the filibuster in the closing hours of Congress and prevent a vote on the bill, notwithstanding it had passed the House by an overwhelming majority, was favored by all but a dozen Senators, and undoubtedly met with popular sentiment.

There is nothing reprehensible in the view held by Senator Stone—that armed protection by the Government of ships carrying munitions of war would increase the danger of war; but he chose a hazardous opportunity to thrust this view into a critical emergency of great and momentous concern, when the defeat of the main issue at stake would create a wrong impression, increase the acuteness of the situation, already tense, cast a doubt on the President's discretion and purpose in the use of the authority, and give Germany, from whom comes the menace to our rights, grounds for assuming that we are a divided nation opposed to the administration, thus encouraging her to flout our rights and honor.

It was a great mistake for a man of Senator Stone's ability, public experience and head of the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee, but still there is nothing criminal nor unpatriotic in what he did. He simply allowed his self-assertiveness to outrun his discretion, and failed to measure up to what was expected of him in a trying situation.

## THE HOUSE ORGANIZATION

The President having called an extra session of Congress to convene on Monday, April 16th, speculation is rife as to the organization of the House of Representatives. The two great parties were tied, each having 215 members, until Representative Conroy of New York died, leaving the Democrats with 214 members. Gov. Whitman of New York has declared his intention of calling a special election in the Conroy district in time to elect his successor before Congress meets. As the district is safely Democratic, this would restore the former relative strength of the Democrats and Republicans in the House.

It will take 218 to constitute a bare majority in the election of Speaker, and there are five independent members who may turn the tide one way or the other. Both parties are hoping to secure enough of these to put over their candidate for Speaker. Among the independents are one Progressive Democrat from Louisiana, one Prohibitionist from California, one Socialist from New York, one Progressive from Massachusetts and one from Minnesota. The party that secures three votes from these five independents in the organization of the House will elect the Speaker, but none of them have given out how they may line up, and both parties are hopeful.

There will doubtless be a good deal of political jockeying and a long-drawn out contest, unless some situation growing out of the European war may demand the immediate and imperative action of Congress, in which case some sort of coalition may be entered into between the two parties by which the House can be organized, as no business can be attended to until that is accomplished. Speaker Clark is the only Democrat mentioned for Speaker, and Representative Mann of Illinois, Republican leader of the

House, is the principal candidate on that side, though there is some opposition to him among Republicans because of his alleged pro-German leanings.

## THE LEGISLATURE

The Legislature is said to have the more important work of the session in favorable position for action, and that it will be able to get through with the bulk of it so as to adjourn by Monday if not on Saturday. The Administrative measures of reform and revenue are pretty well disposed of or in a position that practically insures their passage. The early days of the session being taken up largely in formulating measures and in their consideration by the various committees, because of the constitutional limitation of a 70-day session, most of the finishing up work has to be done in the last few days of the session. From present forecasts, when the accomplishments of the Legislature come to be considered and passed upon as a whole by public judgment, they will be found to measure up favorably in public estimation.

Senator Stone in Washington last Monday announced that he purposed standing loyally by the Administration in its foreign policy, quoting a sentiment attributed to Commodore Decatur—"My country, right or wrong, still my country." He feels that the defensive arming of ships is calculated to hasten actual hostilities between the United States and Germany, but takes the pessimistic view that war is all but certain eventually anyway, and declares that he will stand faithfully behind the Administration. It is also mentioned in this connection that Senator Stone was called in consultation with Secretary Lansing in regard to the Colombian treaty and will take the lead in having it ratified by the Senate, which is taken as an evidence that the Administration has confidence in his sincerity as well as his ability.

## MOCKING BIRD SAVES 4 FROM ASPHYXIATION

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat of the 12th tells the following story of some former Farmington people and who have a number of relatives here and in this vicinity:

The shrill whistle of a mocking bird probably saved the family of George Daglish, carpenter-contractor, from asphyxiation in their home, 4462 Borfok avenue, last Friday, it became known last night. The gas cocks of the range in the kitchen had been turned on while the family—George Daglish, his wife, Mrs. Louise Daglish, and a son, Burton, 8 years old, and a daughter, Nettie, 9—were asleep on an upper floor. How the gas cocks became turned on remains a mystery to the family and the police.

The doors and windows in the house were found locked and it is not known whether or not an attempt was made to murder the Daglish family. The mocking bird began whistling shrill notes and awakened Mrs. Daglish about 11 o'clock in the evening. Mrs. Daglish was partly overcome by the fumes of the gas. She awakened her husband and he also was affected by the gas fumes.

Mrs. Daglish aroused the children and her husband carried them into the front yard. The windows and doors of the house were thrown open.

The mocking bird continued to whistle and Mrs. Daglish went into the kitchen and turned on the electric lights. She did not know where the gas was escaping from until she noticed the bird, which is allowed to leave his cage at will, fly from the gas stove back to its cage several times. Mrs. Daglish then found that the cocks of the stove had been turned on.

The children and their parents were overcome by the gas fumes and a physician was called to care for them. The effect of the gas poisoning did not wear off until yesterday, according to Daglish.

The mocking bird is named "Jim". He is 12 years old and unusually large. He is kept in a cage in the kitchen, but when he cared to, he unlocks the door of his cage and flies about the rooms.

"Jim" is known as the watch dog at the Daglish home. He sends forth shrill blasts whenever a stranger comes to either the front or back door of the house. He continues to whistle until the parties have left.

He was never known to make a noise at night, Mrs. Daglish said, excepting when a stranger knocked at the door.

## BRIGHTSTONE

Thos. Wells of St. Louis was visiting home folks last week.

Thos. Marshall, who has employment in the Lead Belt, was visiting home folks Saturday and Sunday.

T. D. Wells was a business visitor in Knob Lick Saturday.

Homer Lynn was visiting E. W. Marshall Sunday evening.

Ed Davis of route 6 went to Flat River last week to seek employment.

Alf Clark was in Knob Lick Saturday.

day. John Lemon spent the week-end with friends and relatives near Cornwall.

A birthday party was given Thursday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wells in honor of their son, Thomas. Those present were: Misses Sadie and Jessie Skinner, Eva O'Bannon, Maude Wells, Millie Odor, Eva Marshall, Birdie Kinnerman, Minnie Cassabaum, Bertha and Lena Wells and Sophia Crawford; Shell and Park O'Bannon, Everett Marshall, Will Lemon, Alex Lowe, J. D. Wells, Oscar Kinnerman, Jesse and Ed Erwin, Henry and Lee Hightower, Ed and Ben Crawford, Willie Clark, Charlie Cassabaum and Lee Howlett. All left at a late hour declaring they had had a fine time.

Mary Marshall was visiting Birdie Kinnerman Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Chapman are the proud parents of a fine baby boy, born March 6th, 1917.

Miss Ella Clark visited Maude Wells Sunday.

Nathan Erwin was in this community Sunday evening.

Misses Clara and Elsie Marshall were visiting Mrs. A. Williamson Sunday evening.

Everett Marshall and J. D. Wells were visiting at Knob Lick Sunday.

Thos. Pritchett, who has employment at Elvins, was visiting friends and relatives here Sunday.

Ed Clark was a Knob Lick visitor last week.

Jesse Erwin was a business visitor in Knob Lick Sunday evening.

Willie Clark spent a few days last week with friends and relatives near Fredericktown.

Miss Clara and Everett Marshall attended the sale at Oscar Rion's Friday.

Mrs. Cora Clark was visiting Mrs. Julia Lynn last week.

The three Hutchings sisters were visiting Grace and Mary Erwin Sunday evening.

Mrs. Elsie Clark was the guest of Mrs. Wm. Garrett Monday.

## CROSS ROADS

Quite a hail storm passed through this vicinity last Sunday evening.

L. B. Meredith and James Ferguson were transacting business in Farmington last Saturday.

Chas. Tesreau of Festus spent a few days the past week with his parents here, returning to Festus Tuesday.

Mrs. Wright has returned home from St. Louis.

Emmett Walker of Mill Creek has been hauling ties from the Dinks farm to Fredericktown.

Mrs. W. A. Simpson of Libertyville spent last Friday here with relatives. Gus Vessels returned to Clarysville last Monday after spending the past few days here with his father.

The public sale given at the home of R. H. McLarney last Saturday was a success.

Mrs. Joseph Vessels spent last Friday with her sister, Mrs. Lenz.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Green and family of Mine La Motte spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moore and little daughter of Libertyville spent Sunday here.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McLarney and daughter of Fredericktown attended the sale of Mr. McLarney's father's property.

Mr. and Mrs. Americus Lucker are moving onto their farm, which they purchased from R. H. McLarney.

Mrs. James Hines and children of Memphis, Tenn., are guests of Mrs. Lucker.

Miss Nora Scott and a Mr. Brown were married at Farmington last Saturday evening. The writer wishes them a bon voyage through life.

Mrs. Albert Womack and daughter, Marion, spent the week-end here.

The Raleigh man was in this vicinity last week.

A. E. Green was a Mine La Motte visitor Monday.

## ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to the voters of "School District of Farmington," also known as School No. 24, Townships 35 and 36, Ranges 5 and 6, of the County of St. Francois, State of Missouri, who are tax-payers of such school district that the annual school election of said district will be on

Tuesday, April 3, 1917, at the following polling places in the City of Farmington, Mo., to-wit:

First Ward—City Hall, East side of Public Square.

Second Ward—Circuit Court Room, Court House.

Third Ward—Waters Press Printing Office, in Farmers Bank Bldg.

Fourth Ward—Henry Manley's Shop on Henry Street, one-half block South of Columbia street.

Polls will be opened for such election at 6 o'clock a. m. and closed at 7 o'clock p. m. of that day.

Two directors to be elected for a term of three years. Also there will be submitted for the purpose of voting thereon, a proposition proposed by the Board of Directors of said district, to-wit: To authorize the Board of Directors to levy a tax rate of 100 cents on the One Hundred Dollars assessed valuation for school purposes.

By order of the Board of Directors of School District of Farmington.

FRED M. KARSCH, Pres.  
J. P. CAYCE, Secretary.

March 16, 1917.

SUNDY'S CANDY KITCHEN ADDS NEW EQUIPMENT

The Sundry Candy Kitchen, owned by Sundry Liliolis, is undergoing extensive improvements and is receiving some new equipment this week. The candy-making department has been removed one door west from his sales room and the room formerly occupied by the candy making department and the room now in use as an ice cream parlor will be made into a larger ice cream parlor.

On Wednesday an electric carbonator was received, which is run by a one-tenth horse power motor, automatically starting and stopping. With this new carbonator there is no waste of gas and enables him to manufacture the best of fountain drinks.

## OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY BANK

At Farmington, State of Missouri, at the close of business on the fifth day of March, 1917, published in The Farmington Times, a newspaper printed and published at Farmington, State of Missouri, on the sixteenth day of March, 1917.

**Resources.**  
Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on personal or collateral.....\$100,832.99  
Loans, real estate.....42,265.78  
Overdrafts.....1,996.42  
Bonds and stocks.....2,089.75  
Real estate (banking house).....8,465.90  
Other real estate.....4,154.37  
Furniture and fixtures.....750.00  
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check.....31,046.80  
Cash items.....1,249.73  
Currency.....3,447.00  
Specie.....2,281.30  
Total.....\$198,578.24

**Liabilities.**  
Capital stock paid in.....\$ 20,000.00  
Surplus fund.....5,000.00  
Undivided profits, net.....1,973.67  
Individual deposits, subject to check.....74,035.20  
Time certificates of deposit.....97,562.97  
Cashier's checks.....6.40  
Total.....\$198,578.24

State of Missouri, County of St. Francois, ss.

We, E. E. Swink as vice president, and J. J. Roberts as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

E. E. SWINK, Vice Pres.  
J. J. ROBERTS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 13th day of March, A. D. nineteen hundred and seventeen.

Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid. (Commissioned and qualified for a term expiring January 9, 1919.)

W. N. FLEMING, Notary Public.  
Correct-Attest:  
ALBERT WULFERT,  
ED. HELBER,  
S. J. TETLEY,  
Directors.

## OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE BANK OF FARMINGTON

At Farmington, State of Missouri, at the close of business on the 5th day of March, 1917, published in The Farmington Times, a newspaper printed and published at Farmington, State of Missouri, on the 16th day of March, 1917.

**Resources.**  
Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on personal or collateral.....\$348,138.47  
Loans, real estate.....254,086.39  
Overdrafts.....2,086.67  
Bonds and stocks.....84,116.83  
Real estate (banking house).....9,000.00  
Other real estate.....23,994.57  
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check.....159,187.85  
Currency.....12,202.00  
Specie.....2,485.90  
Other resources, as follows: Exchange in Transit.....1,983.18  
Total.....\$897,281.86

**Liabilities.**  
Capital stock paid in.....\$ 50,000.00  
Surplus fund.....50,000.00  
Undivided profits, net.....44,426.40  
Due to banks and bankers, subject to check.....14,086.75  
Individual deposits, subject to check.....406,464.26  
Time certificates of deposit.....332,304.45  
Total.....\$897,281.86

State of Missouri, County of St. Francois, ss.

We, W. M. Harlan, as president, and M. P. Cayce as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

W. M. HARLAN, Pres.  
M. P. CAYCE, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this fourteenth day of March, A. D. nineteen hundred and seventeen.

Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid. (Commissioned and qualified for a term expiring Sept. 24th, 1919.)

J. P. CAYCE, Notary Public.  
Correct-Attest:  
PETER GIESSENG,  
J. E. KLEIN,  
W. R. LANG,  
EDWARD A. ROZIER,  
W. F. DOSS,  
Directors.

## OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE FARMERS' BANK

At Farmington, State of Missouri, at the close of business on the 5th day of March, 1917, published in The Farmington Times, a newspaper printed and published at Farmington, State of Missouri, on the 16th day of March, 1917.

**Resources.**  
Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on personal or collateral.....\$187,532.75  
Loans, real estate.....46,702.07  
Overdrafts.....2,381.19  
Bonds and stocks.....42,100.00  
Real estate (banking house).....19,500.00  
Furniture and fixtures.....1,400.00  
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check.....67,102.33  
Cash items.....7,944.24  
Currency.....9,053.00  
Specie.....577.22  
Total.....\$384,292.90

**Liabilities.**  
Capital stock paid in.....\$ 35,000.00  
Surplus fund.....20,000.00  
Undivided profits, net.....2,166.34  
Individual deposits, subject to check.....174,997.88  
Time certificates of deposit.....149,827.67  
Cashier's checks.....1,546.68  
Other liabilities as follows: (Reserved for Interest).....754.23  
Total.....\$384,292.90

State of Missouri, County of St. Francois, ss.

We, P. A. Shaw at president, and L. H. Williams as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

P. A. SHAW, President.  
L. H. WILLIAMS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 15th day of March, A. D. nineteen hundred and seventeen.

Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid. (Commissioned and qualified for a term expiring May 24, 1917.)

OSCAR L. HAILE, Notary Public.  
Correct-Attest:  
W. C. FISCHER,  
WM. LONDON,  
C. B. DENMAN,  
Directors.

## LETTER FROM STATE CAPITAL

By G. W. Moothart, Representative.

Mr. Parker, Chairman Congressional Committee of Jefferson county, was a recent visitor in the Capital city. As was also Linn Rariden of Farmington.

The House has passed a bill compelling the independent voters league to sign its publications in order to protect candidates of the various political parties.

The administration measure known as "Munition Plant Tax", was passed by the House this week.

A bill placing a 5c tax on a ton of lead and zinc ore was also passed by the House recently.

Hon. Orin Munger and Ernest Lucy of Piedmont were visitors in the Capital city last week.

A bill relating especially to third class cities was passed in the House this week. It makes it optional for the city to operate under what is a "city manager."

The House passed a very important bill Tuesday placing a heavy tax upon mail order houses, having their headquarters outside of the State of Mo.

The House this week passed a Senate bill allowing county superintendents an expense account. This indeed is a meritorious measure and needs only the signature of the Governor to make it operative.

Both the House and the Senate have passed different bills pertaining to the shooting of quail. The House bill calls for closed season for two years, allowing, however, owners of land to kill quail thereon, or to give others written permission to do so. While the Senate bill calls for a closed season of five years. The bill now is in the hands of a conference committee, and we must await the committee's report, as to which one of these actually becomes a law.

The Fire Marshal bill was sent to engrossment in the House recently. It is claimed that to have a State Fire Marshal will reduce materially the rate of insurance.

The Juvenile Court bill, as well as several other Children's Code measures, have been passed in the House, and the writer understands they will be properly passed in the Senate.

In view of the shortage of revenue, the General Assembly has passed a bill paying 50 per cent of the balance due the Old Confederate Pension, and also 50 per cent allowance to the owners of cattle that were slaughtered by order of the State Veterinarian.

There are a number of bills being passed in both houses, and the preceding are probably of most interest to the readers of this column.

It is now understood that the General Assembly will adjourn at noon next Monday, the 19th inst., but I understand that it will require from one to three days to close matters before the members all get away.

It may be in order to here say, that the writer forwarded his usual letter to the various newspapers of St. Francois county last week, but evidently the letter was received too late for publication in several of the papers. This letter is being sent out a little earlier, and the writer trusts that, as it is probably the last one to come from the Capital by your representative this year, he is anxious for his constituents to have the privilege of reading same.

In closing my letters and work of the 49th General Assembly permit me to say that I have greatly appreciated the very constant attention given to my work, looking after the interest of the people of my county. I have enjoyed the work and have done the best I could to protect the interest and welfare of my constituents.

I well know that I have not been

able to please each and every line of business or individual, but all fair-minded citizens realize that no representative can possibly do so.

After my return on or about April 1st, I shall be glad to answer any questions and render any further service that belongs to the duty of a representative.

## LICENSED TO MARRY

March 10, Frank Brown of Farmington and Nora Bethenia of Womack.

10th, Charles Gorda and Emma Frye of Flat River.

10th, John W. Lunsford and Lilla V. Herrington of Farmington.

10th, Clarence Scott and Addie McClard of Leadwood.

12th, Arthur M. Scott and Sadie Pinkston of Leadwood.

CANDIDATES' ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR CITY OFFICES

We are authorized to announce the following candidates for City Offices at the April election, 1917:

**For Mayor:**  
CHAS. H. GIESSENG.

**For City Marshal:**  
L. W. BLOMEYER.

JOSIAH BRUETT

SOLON HOUGH.

V. V. Sebastian of Flat River is in Miami, Okla., looking for a location for a barber shop. Mr. Sebastian is much impressed with the outlook in the mining district and is anxious to locate here.—Miami Record-Herald.

## GETS \$50 FOR LOST SUIT CASE

Mrs. Luke Higney checked her suit case from St. Louis to Farmington over the M. & B. T. railway, and it was lost on the way. She brought suit the past week before Justice Wm. Good for \$115 in payment of her loss, and was given judgment for \$50 and costs. George M. Wilson conducted the case for Mrs. Higney, and Mr. Rozier represented the railroad.

## CLEAN UP

Are you picking up all the waste paper that is blowing about your yards and sidewalks? Remember, the Civic Club of Farmington is doing all it can to make this a cleaner, healthier, prettier town, and every citizen surely wants to assist and can do so by keeping his own premises clean.

Don't forget to swat the fly. It is not too late; keep after him!

## CIVIC CLUB.

## THE LOCAL MARKET

Wheat, per bu.....	\$1.90..
Flour, per 100 lbs.....	\$5.30 to 5.70
Meal, unboltsed, per bu.....	1.35
Meal, boltsed, per bu.....	1.40
Mixed feed, per 100 lbs.....	2.25
Ship stuff, per 100 lbs.....	2.40
Bran, per 100 lbs.....	2.15
Corn, per bushel.....	1.25
Oats, per bu.....	.80
Irish Potatoes.....	3.10
Seed Potatoes.....	3.75
Butter, per lb.....	.30
Eggs, per dozen.....	.22
Chickens, spring, per lb.....	.17 to .20
Hens, per lb.....	.16
Ducks, per lb.....	.16
Bacon, per lb.....	.24
Hay, per ton.....	15.00